

## PTO NEWSFLASH

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Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO" <http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/>

All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

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1. Believe Fundraiser
2. Help Needed for teacher luncheon
3. PTO Meeting- October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM
4. Clothing drive for Epilepsy Foundation
5. Coins for Construction
6. Andy's Attic

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1. The **BELIEVE FALL FUNDRAISER IS UNDERWAY!!** ALL ORDERS ARE DUE OCTOBER 23, 2015. Selling items helps us support the children at Coolidge! This is a fantastic opportunity to get some early holiday shopping done while working together to raise funds for our school and students. If you prefer, you can make a direct donation to the PTO by simply sending a check made out to "Coolidge PTO" and marked "direct donation." Thank you for your support of Coolidge Elementary!

2. **HELP NEEDED! We need someone to coordinate a lunch for our teachers on parent conference day** (Nov 3rd) to allow the staff to focus their energy on thoughtful meetings with parents. All you would need to do is request food/paper goods donations using our online template, arrange for pizza delivery, set up the donations in the morning, and tidy up in the afternoon. Please contact Rachel ([rachelreeve@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelreeve@yahoo.com)) now if you can help.

3. **PTO MEETING:** Everyone is encouraged to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm in the Media Center. Our principal, Mrs. Clouter, will be discussing the following elements of the mathematics curriculum: math modeling and the importance of explaining thinking.

We will hear updates on our fundraisers and events, the enrichment program plans, and more. Please contact President Rachel Reeve ([ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)) with anything you want to discuss so it can be added to the agenda. The minutes from our last meeting can be found here

<https://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/2015/10/05/fall-pt0-meetings-2/>

4. Just a reminder that our **Second Annual Coolidge School Clothing Drive for the Epilepsy Foundation** will be taking place from October 26 through November 13th. Clothing, bedding, curtains, anything made from cloth can be dropped off at school at any time to the front lobby of the school. Our school will make 20 cents for every pound of cloth that is donated and we hope to bring in more than we did last year. Join us in trying to break our own record of 1386 pounds. All proceeds from the sale of our donations will go to the Epilepsy Foundation.

5. **"Coins for Construction"**: PTO-sponsored fundraiser for the new Shrewsbury Public Library

Parents and Students: Start saving your coins! The PTOs of Shrewsbury's public and private elementary and middle schools want to play a part in the next chapter of our new library! A Coin Drive will be held at Coolidge the week of October 19th. Coin drop-off will be in the classrooms from 8:30 to 9am on Monday 10/19, Tuesday 10/20 and Wednesday 10/21. Students that bring in a coin donation in a ziploc bag will be entered into a raffle. Prizes will include two (2) one-hour jump passes to SkyZone, cookies from Wicked Good Cookies and a \$25 Tatnuck bookstore gift card. Stay tuned for more information in the blue folders. If this town-wide initiative reaches its goal, an area in the new Shrewsbury Public Library will be named for the children and families of Shrewsbury. The new library will open in the early Fall of 2016.

<https://coolidgepto.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/coin-drive-school-flyer.pdf> If you have any questions, please contact Amy at [ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

6. **Andy's Attic** is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides new and gently used clothing to disadvantaged high school teens and their families and was created in memory of Andy Reese, a member of the SHS class of 2007. It is run out of South High School in Worcester, under the direction of Christine Foley, a Shrewsbury resident who teaches PE at South HS.

There is an urgent need for elementary boys clothing of all sizes! The bins for boys are empty after just filling over 200 clothing requests the past two weeks. They have plenty of teen and adult clothing at the moment but the elementary boys section needs help! The requests are coming in and they can't fill them!

During the month of October, the Community Service Learning Advisory board at high school, is sponsoring a collection of winter clothing for Andy's Attic; gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, jackets and boots for all age children.

All donations can be dropped off at the high school, attention Dawn Vigliatura.

Arrangements can be made for pick-ups. Email Dawn

[@dvigliatura@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:dvigliatura@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us). Please

contact [ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) if you are interested in managing a collection bin for our school.

On behalf of Andy's Attic, THANK YOU!

*To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at [kbiando74@gmail.com](mailto:kbiando74@gmail.com)*